

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

receiving through a network an indication from a device;

upon determining from the indication that the device is in a state in which a first system has not been loaded on the device, instructing the device through the network to load the first system; and

upon receiving through the network from the device an indication that the first system has been loaded, indicating through a user interface that the device is in a state in which the device is available to load an operating system selectable through the user interface.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

upon a selection of an operating system, instructing the device through the network to load the operating system; and

upon receiving through the network from the device an indication that the operating system has been loaded, indicating through the user interface that the device is in a state in which an operating system has been loaded for the device.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

upon receiving through the network from the device the indication that the operating system has been loaded, indicating through the user interface the operating system that has been loaded for the device.



10 to load an operating system selected from a user interface, loading the operating system  
11 from the server; and  
12 upon loading the operating system from the server, sending through the network  
13 to the server an indication that the operating system has been loaded.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
2 upon receiving through the network from the server a third instruction responsive  
3 to an indication to return the device to a state in which an operating system has not been  
4 selected for the device, the third instruction to load the first system, loading the first  
5 system from the server.

1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2 upon loading the first system from the server, sending through the network to the  
3 server an indication that the first system has been loaded.

1 8. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions that, when executed by a  
2 machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:  
3 receiving through a network an indication from a device;  
4 upon determining from the indication that the device is in a state in which a first  
5 system has not been loaded on the device, instructing the device through the network to  
6 load the first system; and  
7 upon receiving through the network from the device an indication that the first  
8 system has been loaded, indicating through a user interface that the device is in a state in

9 which the device is available to load an operating system selectable through the user  
10 interface.

1 9. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein operations further comprise:  
2 upon a selection of an operating system, instructing the device through the  
3 network to load the operating system; and  
4 upon receiving through the network from the device an indication that the  
5 operating system has been loaded, indicating through the user interface that the device is  
6 in a state in which an operating system has been loaded for the device.

1 10. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein operations further comprise:  
2 upon receiving through the network from the device the indication that the  
3 operating system has been loaded, indicating through the user interface the operating  
4 system that has been loaded for the device.

1 11. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein operations further comprise:  
2 upon receiving the indication that the operating system has been loaded,  
3 indicating through the user interface that the device is in a state in which the device is  
4 available to return to the state in which an operating system has not been selected for the  
5 device;  
6 upon an indication to return the device to the state in which an operating system  
7 has not been selected for the device, instructing the device through the network to load  
8 the first system; and

9           upon receiving an indication through the network from the device that the first  
10   system has been loaded, indicating through a user interface that the device is in the state  
11   in which the device is available to load an operating system selectable through the user  
12   interface.

1   12.    A machine-readable medium that provides instructions that, when executed by a  
2   machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:  
3           sending an indication through a network to a server;  
4           upon receiving through the network from the server a first instruction responsive  
5   to the indication, the first instruction to load a first system, loading the first system from  
6   the server;  
7           upon loading the first system, sending through the network to the server an  
8   indication that the first system has been loaded;  
9           upon receiving from the server through the network a second instruction  
10   responsive to the indication that the first system has been loaded, the second instruction  
11   to load an operating system selected from a user interface, loading the operating system  
12   from the server; and  
13           upon loading the operating system from the server, sending through the network  
14   to the server an indication that the operating system has been loaded.

1   13.    The machine-readable medium of claim 12, wherein operations further comprise:  
2           upon receiving through the network from the server a third instruction responsive  
3   to an indication to return the device to a state in which an operating system has not been

4 selected for the device, the third instruction to load the first system, loading the first  
5 system from the server.

1 14. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein operations further comprise:  
2 upon loading the first system from the server, sending through the network to the  
3 server an indication that the first system has been loaded.

1 15. An apparatus comprising:  
2 a network communication unit to receive through a network a first indication from  
3 a device, to instruct the device through the network to load a first system upon a  
4 processing unit determining that the device is in a state in which a first system has not  
5 been loaded for the device, and to receive through the network from the device a second  
6 indication that the first system has been loaded; and  
7 the processing unit coupled with the network communication unit to determine  
8 from the first indication that the device is in a state in which the first system has not been  
9 loaded for the device, and to indicate through a user interface, upon the network  
10 communication unit receiving the second indication, that the device is in a state in which  
11 the device is available to load an operating system selectable through the user interface.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the network communication unit is also to  
2 instruct the device through the network to load an operating system upon a selection of  
3 the operating system, and to receive through the network from the device a second  
4 indication that the operating system has been loaded.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the processing unit is also to indicate through  
 2 the user interface, upon the network communication unit receiving the second indication,  
 3 that the device is in a state in which an operating system has been loaded for the device.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processing unit is also to indicate through  
 2 the user interface, upon the network communication unit receiving the second indication,  
 3 the operating system that has been loaded for the device.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processing unit is also to indicate through  
 2 the user interface, upon the network communication unit receiving the second indication,  
 3 that the device is in a state in which the device is available to return to the state in which  
 4 an operating system has not been selected for the device.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the network communication unit is also to  
 2 instruct the device through the network to load the first system upon a third indication to  
 3 return the device to the state in which an operating system has not been selected for the  
 4 device, and to receive a fourth indication through the network from the device that the  
 5 first system has been loaded.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the processing unit is also to indicate through  
 2 a user interface, upon the network communication unit receiving the fourth indication,

3 that the device is in the state in which the device is available to load an operating system  
4 selectable through the user interface.

1 22. An apparatus comprising:

2 a network communication unit to send an indication through a network to a  
3 server, to receive through the network from the server a first instruction responsive to the  
4 indication, the first instruction to load a first system, to send through the network to the  
5 server, upon a processing unit loading the first system, an indication that the first system  
6 has been loaded, to receive from the server through the network a second instruction  
7 responsive to the indication that the first system has been loaded, the second instruction  
8 to load an operating system selected from a user interface, and to send through the  
9 network to the server, upon the processing unit loading the operating system from the  
10 server, an indication that the operating system has been loaded; and

11 the processing unit coupled with the network communication unit to load the first  
12 system from the server upon the network communication unit receiving the first  
13 instruction, and to load the operating system from the server upon the network  
14 communication unit receiving the second instruction.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the network communication unit is also to  
2 receive through the network from the server a third instruction responsive to an indication  
3 to return the device to a state in which an operating system has not been selected for the  
4 device, the third instruction to load the first system, and to send through the network to



the server, upon the processing unit loading the first system from the server, an indication  
that the first system has been loaded.

1     24.     The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the processing unit is also to load the first  
2     system from the server upon the network communication unit receiving the third  
3     instruction.